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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING CONSUMER  
GOODS USED IN AN ANALYZER

**AMENDMENT**

**MS AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for reply to expire October 3, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.